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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT : KUWAITI VIEWS ON MIDEAST SITUATION

1. I CALLED ON FONMINISTRY UNDERSEC RASHID FOR REVIEW OF GOK  
CURRENT ATTITUDES ON MIDEAST SITUATION.

2. RASHID SAID INTERNAL SITUATION IN KUWAIT CALM AND GOK WOULD  
DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE KEEP IT THAT WAY. IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT  
THAT THE 200,000 PALESTINIANS IN KUWAIT BE WATCHED AND HANDLED  
PROPERLY, AND THERE WERE OTHER LARGE FOREIGN ELEMENTS AS WELL, OF  
COURSE.

3. RASHID SAID WORLD SHOULD UNDERSTAND WHAT WAS HAPPENING AS  
RESULT OF PRESENT CONFLICT. ARABS AQUITTING THEMSELVES WDWL#IN  
FIGHTING AND DESTROYING MYTH OF ISRAEL AS MIDEAST  
COLOSSUS.ISRAEL  
WAS IN FACT JUST ANOTHER MIDEAST STATE AND SHOULD BE TREATED SO.  
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US SHOULD TAKE HARD LOOK AT SUCH DEVELOPMENTS AND CHANGES TAKING

PLACE IN AREA AND DETELVINE WHERE IT NEEDED ADJUST ITS POLICIES.  
GOK, HE SAID, DID NOT CONSIDER US CALL FOR RETURN OF ALL SIDES IN  
WAR TO PRE-OCTOBER LINES AS EITHER JUST OR REALISTIC. IF US TRY-  
ING BE HELPFUL IT WOULD HAVE TO PROVE IT NOT BIASED. DID US CONSIDER  
SINAI  
BY NOW PART OF ISRAEL? KUWAIT HAD COME TO REALIZATION THAT ISRAEL  
HERE TO STAY. US SHOULD APPRECIATE NEW REALITIES AS WELL.

4. I SAID US POSITION BASED ON DESIRE ACHIEVE EARLIEST CEASE FIRE  
AND FIND BASIS FOR START OF TALKS BETWEEN TWO SIDES. THERE WAS NO  
POINT IN INSISTING OMSPOSITION KNOWN TO BE UNACCEPTABLE TO ONE OR  
OTHER SIDE. IT WAS OUR JUDGMENT THAT PRE-OCTOBER LINES WERE  
FAIREST POINT FROM WHICH TO START. AS FAR AS ISRAELIS JUST ANOTHER  
MIDEAST STATE KF CONCERNED, I THOUGHT IT QUITE POSSIBLE ISRAELIS  
WOULD BE HAPPY TO BE ACCEPTED PRECISELY THAT WAY BY THEIR NEIGHBORS.

5. RASHID SAID THERE WERE INDEED NEW REALITIES IN AREA, BUT  
INFLUENCE OF GREAT POWERS, ESPECIALLY US, UNQUESTIONABLY STILL  
NEEDED TO ACHIEVE PEACE AND ARRANGEMENTS IN AREA WITH WHICH EVERYONE  
COULD LIVE. UNFORTUNATELY, IT APPEARED THAT IN MODERN TIMES DRESTIC  
AND VIOLENT MEASURES OFTEN HAD TO BE TAKEN BEFORE PEOPLE WOULD  
RECOGNIZE PROBLEMS AND ACT TO SOLVE THEM. CURRENT WAR HOPEFULLY  
WOULD ACCOMPLISH USEFUL PURPOSE. HOWEVER THIS WAS A WAR US SHOULD  
STAY  
COMPLETELY OUT OF. INCIDENTALLY US SHOULD BE AWARE HOW SENSITIVE  
ARABS WERE TO MOVEMENTS OF SIXTH FLEET.

5. I SAID I DOUBT MOST WARS EVER ACCOMPLISHED GOOD, BUT IN ANY  
CASE ALL EFFORTS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO ENDING PRESENT FIGHTING.  
ADDED UNDERSTANDING WAS SIXTH FLEET DOING NOTHING TO  
INFLUENCE COURSE OF WAR, ONE WAY OR OTHER.

6. RASHID SAID GOK  
READY DO ANYTHING EMBASSY REQUIRED TO ENSURE  
SAFETY OF OFFICIALS AND ALL OTHER AMERICANS IN KUWAIT. I THANKED  
HIM WARMLY AND SAID THAT CERTAINLY FOR TIME BEING WE BELIEVED GOK  
DOING EVERYTHING NECESSARY AND WE GRATEFUL FOR THEIR CLOSE ATTENTION  
TO OUR PROTECTION.  
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